

Claim 13: (original) The tension member according to claim 11, wherein the spacing elements are provided with recesses, which recesses are adapted to the cross-sectional form of the adjacent strands.

Claim 14: (original) The tension member according to claims 13, wherein the spacing elements are equipped with complementary locking elements or their adjoining surfaces.

Claim 15: (original) The tension member according to claim 11, wherein at least one of the spacing elements comprises a material having buoyancy in water.

Claim 16: (original) The tension member according to claim 11, wherein the spacing elements consist of PVC.

Claim 17: (original) The tension member according to claim 11, wherein the spacing elements consist of a material having buoyancy in water.

Claim 18: (original) The tension member according to claim 11, wherein the filaments are wound at a maximum pitch corresponding to the circumference of a drum onto which the strands are to be coiled.

Claim 19: (original) The tension member according to claim 11, wherein the strands are wound at a maximum pitch corresponding to the circumference of a drum onto which the tension member is to be coiled.

Remarks

Reconsideration and further examination of the above-identified patent application in light of the present Amendment and Remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above-noted Amendment.

The Amendment to the claims section of applicant's amendment filed on January 21, 2003 now complies with requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 as amended on June 30, 2003 and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 CFR 1.121.